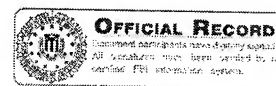


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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Complaint Form****Title:** (U) Allegation of extortion**Date:** 11/07/2012**Approved By:** [REDACTED]**Drafted By:** SA [REDACTED]**Case ID #:** 9A-DE-2586569(U) [REDACTED]  
KERRY BENTIVOLIO - VICTIM;  
SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER (SIM);  
EXTORTION**Complaint Synopsis:** (U) Kerry Bentivolio, Republican Candidate for United States Congress, 11th District, filed a complaint that [REDACTED] is extorting him.b6  
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On this date, [REDACTED] assistant to Kerry Bentivolio, Republican Candidate for United States Congress, 11th District, contacted the FBI to advise that Bentivolio (complainant) was receiving extortionate text messages from [REDACTED]. The call was referred to the OCRA. Writer returned the phone call and spoke directly with complainant who advised that [REDACTED] of Little Rock, Arkansas, contacted him via telephone on 10/5/2012. During that telephone call, [REDACTED] told complainant that he demanded \$10,000 from the complainant or he would report to the press that he had been molested by the complainant. At 5:10 pm on the same date, [REDACTED] sent the complainant a text message to reiterate the threat. On this date,

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[redacted] sent another text message to complainant with a draft press release which outlines numerous allegations to include sexual abuse. Complainant filed a police report with the Milford Police Department after the first contact.

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Complainant advised [redacted]

[redacted]

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Approximately 6 or 7 years ago, complainant received an e-mail from [redacted] In the e-mail, [redacted] threatened complainant's life.

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Complainant will preserve the voice mail messages.

Writer conducted [redacted] for complainant and confirmed his candidacy for United States Congress, 11th District. Writer also [redacted] identified [redacted] using cell phone number [redacted] (same number provided by complainant) at [redacted]

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**Pre-Assessment Findings:**

Bentivolio (C) contacted SA [redacted] to advise that he heard a rumors that [redacted] had paid [redacted] money to tell these lies.

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Bentivolio learned that approximately one (1) week ago [ ] followed through on the extortion by contacting a news agency in Lansing, Michigan by the name of MIRS, who printed information. Based on this information, Bentivolio was contacted by WJR, who, after speaking with Bentivolio, did not produce a story on the matter.

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**Recommended Action:** Open New Case

**Entities:**

[ ] (Main, Person, U.S. Person? Unknown)

*Communication Account*

Type: Telephone

Account: [ ]

Relationship: Utilizes

Comment: phone number from which text messages were sent

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Kerry Bentivolio (Victim, Person, U.S. Person? Unknown)

*Victim Information*

Victimized From: 10/05/2012

Victimized To: 10/29/2012

*Communication Account*

Type: Telephone

Account: [ ]

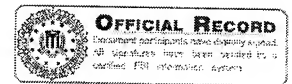
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Electronic Communication**

**Title:** (U) To recommend this matter be closed.

**Date:** 12/19/2012

**From:** DETROIT

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**Contact:** SA [REDACTED]

**Approved By:** SSA [REDACTED]

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**Drafted By:** SA [REDACTED]

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(U) [REDACTED]

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EXTORTION

**Synopsis:** (U) To recommend this matter be closed.

**Full Investigation Initiated:** 11/14/2012

**Details:**

On 12/18/2012, writer provided interviews from this investigative file to Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [REDACTED] United States Attorneys Office (USAO), Eastern District of Michigan (EDMI) for review. On captioned date, AUSA [REDACTED] contacted writer to discuss this matter. AUSA [REDACTED] felt that this matter appeared to be a [REDACTED] dispute [REDACTED] that had spilled over into the media. The evidence concerning an extortion is lacking, in that the only evidence consisted of text messages from [REDACTED] to Kerry. Should [REDACTED] attempt to contact Kerry in the future in an attempt to extort him, attempts could be made to capture additional evidence at that time.

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Based on the above, it is recommended that this matter be closed.

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